## IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILLS 1115 - 1118

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My wife, Carmen Adams, was pregnant with twins in the Spring 2008. We were told that she would have to stay in the hospital and that they would be monitoring our babies inside my wife's womb until delivery.

Every few days, an expert called a maternal-fetal medicine specialist, would come in and look at the fetal heart rate monitor strips. The expert would then determine if everything looked ok.

One day, the expert came in and said he was really concerned. He told us that close monitoring would have to continue. Throughout that evening and into the next morning, everybody said everything was okay. Suddenly, the next morning, an urgent Cesarean Section was necessary. After all of the close monitoring, one of our children died. Our other child is now severely impaired. The record of our babies' heartbeats within my wife's womb clearly showed that they watched the fetal heart rate of one of our children until he had no heartbeat and they could not find it anymore. Basically, they sat and watched our child's heart rate slowly decrease and disappear. They watch our child slowly die.

My wife and I now have a child surviving who is brain damaged and my other child died because of this neglect.

This is the type of action that somebody could file an affidavit and say, "I used my best judgment." They would then not be held accountable for their actions.

This is not fair. The rules you are considering are not good for Michigan. They do NOT protect patients. How can doctors act negligently and then not be held responsible? Is this fairness? Who is looking out for us, the Michigan citizens? The Michigan Legislature is supposed to <u>protect our citizens</u>, not unfairly immunize doctors and push the financial burden to the taxpayers.